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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended(f)	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—																
November		38.0	9,725	10,289	38,917	41,232	578	606	r527	r493	34.5	32.5	195	165	December 14	13,217
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	January 11	3,135
January		34.4	9,846	10,536	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	February 8	11,902
February		38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	March 8	9,850
March	23,910	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	r30.7	r30.5	124	140	April 5	11,485
April		39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	May 3	10,738
May		40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	14,698
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,390
1986-87—																
July		31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	r34.4	27.7	172	155	August 23	15,066
August		39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	July 26	15,385
September	r22,984	39.7	10,645	10,638	r45,734	r42,552	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	September 20	15,101
October		38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	r562	r560	534	495	r29.6	r25.3	210	166	October 18	14,652
November		37.0	r10,104	r10,798	39,497	41,791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	r185	160	November 15	14,231
December	22,653	32.2	r10,346	r10,985	r38,245	r44,943	r567	r562	r421	r441	r24.0	r27.3	r169	r175	December 13	15,756
January		34.7	10,261	11,086	36,703	46,261	542	540	347	511	6.9	19.7	93	201	January 10	3,227

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) 1 excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier for periods up to 14 December 1985.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	
1985-86—														
November	3,638	3,322	1,066	857	15,296	13,941	187	189	428.4	74.2	495	93,741	76.0	
December	2,248	2,974	682	855	10,829	13,758	168	190	431.1	67.8	490	59,802	75.6	r40,811
January	1,291	4,235	595	894	4,510	11,537	180	196	434.4	60.4	519	46,438	80.1	
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	46.2	526	47,616	75.8	
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.4	41.1	539	46,516	75.6	r42,118
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	31.2	504	46,276	76.5	r42,117
May	4,290	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	185	432.3	28.3	495	37,337	77.9	
June	3,334	3,023	r954	r1,097	r15,035	r13,082	180	195	435.0	28.1	505	32,907	76.8	r42,011
1986-87—														
July	3,665	3,194	1,144	1,070	14,341	12,428	201	185	439.5	33.5	486	51,900	79.5	
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,170	13,987	186	196	443.8	48.1	480	91,683	82.1	
September	r3,262	r2,918	934	927	15,195	14,062	199	191	448.9	64.2	485	117,030	79.2	43,047
October	3,384	3,575	1,211	1,039	16,446	13,916	217	195	453.3	76.5	485	122,863	77.1	47,726
November	r,156	r3,098	938	780	14,927	14,143	195	r201	p456.6	74.0	495	99,339	76.7	
December	2,455	3,165	712	837	12,175	15,219	r192	r208	p458.7	68.0	501	65,996	74.9	43,719
January	849	2,750	484	780	3,643	9,534	180	203	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43,836

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 56290.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserves assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1985-86—									
December	2,605	2,844	5,751	5,689	238	146.6	-605	-1,143	12,216
January	3,118	3,273			234		-397	-1,045	12,133
February	2,617	2,625			235		-154	-897	12,925
March	2,604	2,604	6,164	5,469	232	146.0	-474	-999	12,811
April	2,418	2,965			230		-790	-1,358	12,553
May	2,725	2,744			228		-503	-1,078	12,504
June	2,633	2,716	5,682	5,325	234	140.8	-534	-1,064	13,024
1986-87—									
July	2,591	3,065			242		-879	-1,526	13,439
August	2,673	3,084			246		-812	-1,242	12,686
September	3,069	3,447	5,790	5,189	246	p158.8	-843	-1,331	12,615
October	2,952	3,395			245		-954	-1,820	13,316
November	r2,956	2,588			p244		-264	-598	15,146
December	r3,321	3,239	6,626	5,343	p243	n.y.a.	9	-771	15,561
January	p2,824	p3,100			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r-499	r-1,235	13,846
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-104	-750	12,604

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total		Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000	
	Trend estimate		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Trend estimate		Original		Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—														
December	5,875	4,399	4,387	9,659	r8,545	1,545	1,370	915	502	40.5	41.4	10.0	11.6	
January	4,276	4,459	4,403			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5	9.8	11.6	
February	3,903	4,383	4,418			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	35.1	9.8	10.0	
March	4,163	4,416	4,439	7,811	8,361	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4	9.8	10.1	
April	4,285	4,424	4,470			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.5	11.6	10.1	
May	4,707	4,536	r4,511			1,471	r1,447	578	r495	36.3	33.8	11.1	10.2	
June	4,197	4,590	4,559	8,190	8,396	1,380	r1,459	423	502	34.5	33.9	10.3	9.5	
1986-87—														
July	r4,479	r4,591	4,604			r1,453	1,467	r508	511	37.0	33.6	11.8	10.2	
August	r4,434	r4,647	r4,638			r1,440	1,472	r442	519	37.4	35.8	10.7	10.7	
September	r4,486	r4,665	4,663	8,151	8,471	r1,430	1,475	r507	525	33.2	33.1	9.0	9.5	
October	4,775	4,708	4,683			1,527	1,479	512	531	32.4	31.8	8.1	8.1	
November	4,738	4,666	4,705			1,485	1,485	537	536	28.7	30.5	6.8	7.8	
December	r6,428	4,714	4,725	9,427	8,343	1,724	1,492	1,054	542	31.6	30.5	6.5	7.1	
January	4,603	4,780	4,744			1,523	1,499	452	546	27.6	32.6	5.8	7.0	
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p28.1	p31.4	p6.3	p6.8	

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1985-86—														
December				216.3		147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6
January				216.3										
February	422.70	276.40	404.20	216.3	1.25	150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
March				216.3										
April				216.3										
May	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.3	1.23	153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
June				216.3										
1986-87—														
July				221.5										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.5	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
September				221.5										
October	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.5	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
November				221.5										
December				221.5										
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.19									
February				n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price index(a)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m)(b)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
November	1,552.1	1,470.7	12.7	12.4	252.5					99.4	166.3				
December	1,261.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6	99.8	167.6	1,608	1,393	3,534	3,412
January	1,204.7	1,507.1	10.0	10.9	289.5					100.3	168.6				
February	1,086.9	1,244.9	10.0	10.8	158.4					100.8	170.0				
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2	101.2	171.0	1,272	1,492	3,014	3,468
April	1,486.2	1,396.4	10.3	9.5	299.2					101.7	171.6				
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	124.6					101.9	172.5				
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,797.1	29.8	29.0	102.3	173.6	1,613	1,579	3,660	3,349
1986-87—															
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9					102.6	175.4				
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7					103.2	176.5				
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,885.0	4,651.5	30.9	29.8	104.1	177.9	1,747	1,810	3,569	3,621
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					105.1	178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	357.6					105.3	179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,390.6	9.9	10.4	291.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	105.6	179.9	1,877	1,624	4,350	4,196
January	1,124.5	1,463.7	7.8	9.9	238.0					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1985-86—												
December	39,710	39,200	44,055	43,650	38,944	38,772	545	209	96	15.65	5,809	
January	39,104	38,805	43,660	43,582	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738	
February	39,738	39,014	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,631	
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,887	
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255	
May	40,624	41,066	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276	
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243	
1986-87—												
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113	
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326	
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,825	
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	173	14.30	n.y.a.	
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,792	42,735	816	164	167	14.25	n.y.a.	
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	1099	153	166	14.05	n.y.a.	
January	45,669	45,334	45,100	45,065	43,921	44,359	679	133	57	14.70	n.y.a.	
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45,343	45,231	43,801	44,455	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.05	n.y.a.	

(a) Banks in external territories. (b) Includes external territories.
instrumentation. (c) This series is based on a non-subsidized bonds.

(c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions.

(d) Includes ten existing building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(Bm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Private		Government		Private		Public	
							Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1985-86—														
September	58,029	58,640	1,567	2,255	56,462	56,385	33,930	34,120	10,528	10,977	9,631	9,696	3,912	4,345
December	64,309	58,950	4,576	2,256	59,733	56,694	37,059	35,009	11,753	11,371	10,028	9,538	4,507	4,461
March	57,521	60,418	1,623	2,299	55,898	58,119	34,216	35,638	10,920	11,551	8,703	9,725	3,773	4,402
June	59,080	61,483	1,191	2,220	57,889	59,263	36,049	36,531	12,597	11,865	9,879	9,333	5,278	4,257
1986-87—														
September	62,208	62,375	1,874	2,346	60,344	60,029	37,421	37,587	11,660	12,152	9,880	9,963	4,451	4,978
December	69,418	64,373	4,144	2,428	65,274	61,945	40,459	38,316	12,618	12,201	11,094	10,543	4,753	4,711
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1985-86—														
September	36,153	36,647	1,574	2,065	34,579	34,582	21,003	21,149	6,346	6,636	5,915	5,962	2,290	2,548
December	40,069	36,256	3,936	2,123	36,133	34,133	22,587	21,266	7,014	6,756	5,935	5,658	2,594	2,567
March	34,303	36,379	1,531	2,168	32,772	34,211	20,209	21,114	6,336	6,732	5,033	5,620	2,103	2,457
June	34,755	36,196	1,382	2,115	33,373	34,081	21,009	21,266	7,373	6,928	5,580	5,259	2,948	2,376
1986-87—														
September	35,840	36,259	1,662	2,170	34,178	34,089	21,163	21,282	6,524	6,823	5,404	5,452	2,380	2,665
December	40,354	36,672	3,893	2,264	36,461	34,408	22,409	21,162	7,075	6,807	5,907	5,623	2,505	2,482
AT CURRENT PRICES continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Companies		Other							
					Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1985-86—														
September	11,869	11,201	9,755	9,747	8,721	8,446	13,974	14,102	28,338	28,784	-63	17,103	7,683	37,695
December	11,574	11,636	9,479	9,482	8,306	7,574	17,738	14,509	31,267	29,741	2,810	19,556	7,661	45,972
March	10,944	11,525	9,719	9,923	7,142	7,663	13,757	15,023	29,402	30,784	-155	17,733	9,132	37,848
June	10,986	11,051	9,159	8,994	7,364	7,842	13,533	15,609	31,310	31,251	-619	20,322	14,173	36,840
1986-87—														
September	12,295	11,579	9,761	9,732	8,042	7,736	15,766	15,607	31,713	32,069	10	19,522	9,006	42,239
December	12,139	12,200	10,930	10,878	9,261	8,452	18,608	15,939	34,223	32,513	2,032	21,457	8,994	48,718

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a) (PERSONS)

SURVEY OF JOB VACANCIES (b)

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent		Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985—													
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,890.5	6,848.5	439.5	475.8	537.0	582.9	7.2	7.8	61.7	61.7	51.8
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,762.1	6,910.5	523.7	474.2	615.0	575.7	8.3	7.7	61.1	62.0	59.0
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,870.1	6,899.9	544.5	487.8	658.5	596.1	8.7	8.0	62.2	61.9	
March	5,638.5	5,618.8	6,961.4	6,917.6	501.6	475.2	634.6	590.3	8.4	7.9	62.7	61.9	54.4
April	5,620.1	5,645.4	6,962.1	6,978.3	485.1	485.3	606.9	600.8	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.4	
May	5,615.8	5,627.5	6,944.5	6,939.8	483.3	485.8	592.2	589.5	7.9	7.8	62.0	61.9	
June	5,634.9	5,656.9	6,972.7	6,978.8	457.0	469.6	561.9	575.9	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	48.6
July	5,631.2	5,617.7	6,958.4	6,943.1	490.9	520.9	594.2	632.5	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,582.4	5,639.8	6,885.7	6,934.1	490.7	506.8	595.6	626.9	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.8	
September	5,666.9	5,633.8	7,007.6	6,958.6	517.6	530.0	631.6	634.1	8.3	8.4	62.4	62.0	51.9
October	5,661.9	5,666.3	7,000.3	6,979.5	485.9	527.2	590.1	636.7	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.0	
November	5,647.6	5,648.1	7,006.9	6,982.1	489.1	529.3	583.3	632.7	7.7	8.3	61.7	61.7	
December	5,724.0	5,655.1	7,092.0	7,016.9	545.7	535.5	655.5	640.6	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,667.8	6,878.3	7,036.0	575.0	523.7	671.4	632.8	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.1	62.7

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a) PERSONS ('000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Australia					Total		
										Government				Common-wealth		State(h)	Local
1985—																	
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,369.7			
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,387.5			
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.8	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5			
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,710.7	5,475.1			
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9			
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,119.1	154.9	1,706.9	5,510.8			
1986—																	
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4			
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1			
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2			
April	1,909.4	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	592.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,757.3	5,585.9			
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2			
June	1,926.8	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5			
July	1,937.3	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9			
August	1,925.2	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8			
September	1,927.2	1,567.2	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,151.2	157.2	1,748.0	5,601.5			

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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